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## The Codex Alimentarius Commission

The Codex Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Food Derived from Biotechnology had its first meeting on March 14-17. Following the meeting, non-governmental organization (NGO) observers released a report on the meeting incorporating the viewpoint from civil society.

The NGO-sponsored report noted that the US saw "no need for a GMO tracing system because the products are safe and such a system would be too costly." The environmental group Greenpeace argued that the US resisted the traceability problem because it would force it to deal with liability and insurance issues. The Codex Task Force did agree to incorporate traceability into the work program as part of its work on post-market assessment.

The Second Session of the Task Force will be held in March 2001.

The Codex is a joint commission of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). It is an international intergovernmental body responsible for developing international food standards based on science. These standards are considered the benchmark for consumers, producers, food control agencies and international food trade.

Source: BRIDGES Weekly Trade News Digest,  
United Nations press release

## Update on Avian Influenza in Italy

The latest report on avian influenza in Italy covers the period from December 17, 1999 through March 31, 2000. The number of new cases per week dropped sharply in early February and there were no new cases reported the week of March 26.

### Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Italy

Species and Category	Total Outbreaks	Total Animals
Turkey Breeders	5	42,276
Turkey, Meat Type	176	2,668,347
Broilers	39	1,625,628
Layers	121	8,118,929
Broiler Breeders	29	743,319
Backyard Flocks	24	1,707
Other	17	508,106
Total	411	13,708,312

Other includes guinea fowl, quail, ducks, pheasants and ostrich.

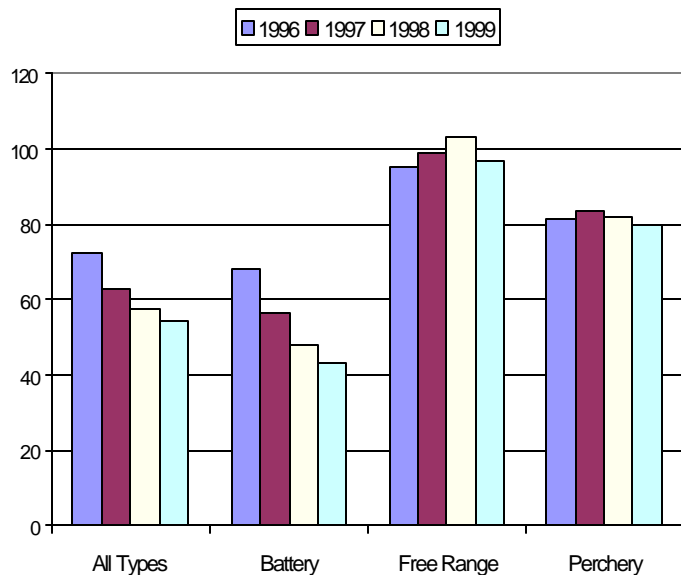
Source: SOCIETA ITALIANA DI PATOLOGIA AVIARE

## U.S. Chicken Seized in Russia

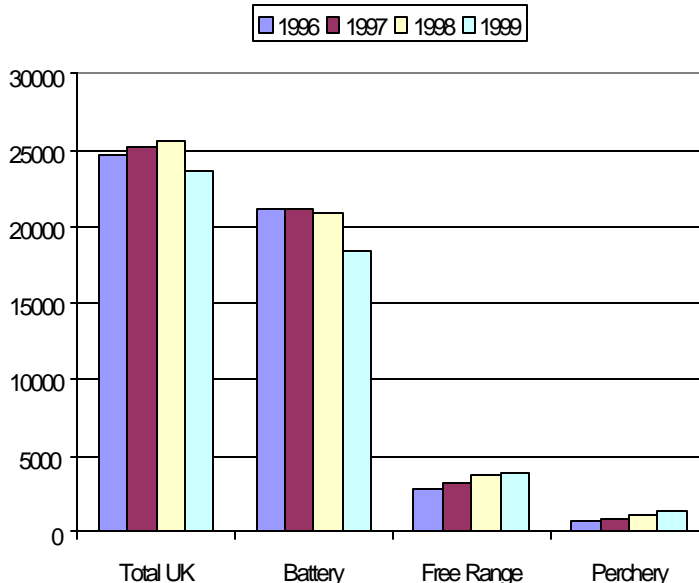
Earlier this month Russian authorities seized two rail cars carrying frozen U.S. chicken leg quarters. The poultry was certified as safe by the USDA before leaving the United States and again by Russian and German veterinary inspectors after arriving in Germany. Authorities believe the shipment may have been contaminated with a chemical compound while in transit through Lithuania and Latvia to Russia. The leg quarters were part of a shipment of U.S. food aid sent to Russia.

Source: Wattnet, various sources

## Average Packer to Producer Prices in the United Kingdom



## United Kingdom Egg Packing Station Throughput



Cents per dozen

Source: UK Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food

In thousand cases

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**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**  
**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending April 08, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Liquid	39	402	1,628	3,736
Frozen	0	0	40	6
Dried	18	27	76	174
Total	57	429	1,744	3,916

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending April 08, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Liquid	178	95	1,871	1,173
Frozen	6	3	134	85
Dried	18	0	403	10
Total	202	98	2,408	1,268

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending April 08, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Jumbo	0	11	246	127
Extra Large	340	150	7,593	7,077
Large	2,450	2,132	34,677	24,820
Medium	300	825	9,667	12,176
Ungraded	3,060	10,910	25,740	72,199
Misc	750	0	3,750	900
Total	6,900	14,028	81,673	117,299

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**CENTRAL REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 14-APR-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	

15% OR LESS

RANGE - - - - -

WTD AVERAGE

0 lbs., this includes 0 lbs. for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS

RANGE - 20.00 12.00-15.00 14.50-15.00

WTD AVERAGE 20.00 12.90 14.83

367,200 lbs., this includes 0 lbs. for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE 10.00-11.00 12.00-16.50 9.00-12.50 13.00-13.50

WTD AVERAGE 10.50 13.75 10.69 13.22

2,713,600 lbs., this includes 378,400 lbs. for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE - - - - 12.75

WTD AVERAGE 12.75

285,600 lbs., this includes 0 lbs. for export shipment.

\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 08-Apr-00  
(PRELIMINARY)**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,009	1,345	3,354
LAST WEEK	1,911	1,314	3,225
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,098	1,318	3,416
TO-DATE/2000	28,301	19,114	47,415
TO-DATE/1999	30,103	18,616	48,719

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	561	11	572
LAST WEEK	594	0	594
SAME WEEK YR AGO	571	0	571
TO-DATE/2000	7,692	50	7,742
TO-DATE/1999	6,895	113	7,008

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOP. DIV.

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,570	1,356	3,926
LAST WEEK	2,505	1,314	3,819
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,669	1,318	3,987
TO-DATE/2000	35,993	19,164	55,157
TO-DATE/1999	36,998	18,729	55,727

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 14-APR-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	

15% OR LESS

RANGE 15.50-16.00 - 15.00-16.00 -

WTD AVERAGE 15.80 15.88

520,000 lbs., this includes 80,000 lbs. for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS

RANGE 13.75-15.00 15.00 - 15.00

WTD AVERAGE 14.68 15.00 15.00

600,000 lbs., this includes 200,000 lbs. for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE 13.00-14.25 15.00 11.25-13.00 12.00-14.00\*\*

WTD AVERAGE 13.72 15.00 11.50 13.57

1,620,000 lbs., this includes 700,000 lbs. for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE - - - - 12.75

WTD AVERAGE 12.75

240,000 lbs., this includes 0 lbs. for export shipment.

\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

\*\* CORRECTION FOR WIRE DATED 04/ 07/00:

FRESH 15-20% DELIVERED SHOULD HAVE BEEN:

RANGE 12-14, WTD AVG. 13.00

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

APRIL 14, 2000

Demand and trading light to fair, mostly fair on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins. Offerings varied with delivery times sometimes playing a factor when considering the availability of product. Some buyers paid premiums on fresh tom breast meat for late next week's shipments due in part to the holiday schedules. Bulk parts demand was light to fair on drums, balance light. Trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of tom drums at steady to lower trending price levels and a light volume of tom 2-joints for export. Offerings of bulk parts adequate to ample with tom drums and wings the most available.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.50-25.00		23.69	608	24.03	948
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00		20.00	208	20.33	312
TAILS		F	20.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00		63.00	38	61.15	326

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00		24.00	20
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	21.00	104
TAILS		F	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.50		62.50	40

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00		26.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00		21.00	104
TAILS		F	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.49	488
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	60.65	248

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.50		25.50	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	21.25	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	20.00	312
TAILS		F	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.49	488
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	60.65	248

**MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00		23.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	21.25	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	20.00	312
TAILS		F	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.49	488
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00-64.00		60.65	248

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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